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In re Application of

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Title: ADAPTIVE PRE-PROCESSING METHOD FOR MOTION ESTIMATION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

7. A computer program product for a video encoder that comprises a set of instructions, which when loaded into the video encoder, causes the video encoder to carry out the processing method as claimed in claim 1.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to claim 7 was made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claim was not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

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APPENDIX

7. A computer program product for a video encoder that comprises a set of instructions, which when loaded into the video encoder, causes the video encoder to carry out the processing method as claimed in claim[s] 1 [to 4].